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# **GOP lawmakers announce Boardman River pedestrian bridge project moves forward**

**LANSING** — Legislative Republicans today announced an agreement had been reached with the governor's office to move ahead with the Boardman River pedestrian bridge project in Traverse City.

The agreement allows the proposed non-motorized trail bridge across the Boardman River in Traverse City as part of the Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trail system.

"I'm pleased that the leadership was able to work this agreement out with the governor," said Rep. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City. "The Boardman Lake Trail is important to our area and this funding will help with its completion."

The Boardman Lake Trail was designed to provide easy access to the public library, as well as Medalie and Hull parks. The agreement would provide \$50,000 to be put towards the pedestrian bridge.

"Tourists and local outdoor enthusiasts alike benefit from this project," said Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City. "I'm pleased to see this project go forward and create more opportunities for the residents and visitors of northern Michigan to enjoy the natural beauty of Grand Traverse County."

"The trail bridge over the Boardman River will connect Hull Park and the public library to all of the west side neighborhoods," said Bob Otwell, executive director of TART Trails in Traverse City. "This link over the river is also a critical link in our goal to complete the trail all of the way around the lake. We appreciate the bipartisan support from Lansing."

Other projects that are part of the agreement include congestion relief, safety improvements, public transportation initiatives and recreational facilities.

"Today's announcement is about driving job creation in Michigan and paving the way for growth all across our state," Gov. Granholm said. "From going anywhere and doing anything to attract jobs to Michigan, to investing in the infrastructure that supports commerce, we have a targeted economic road map, and it's moving Michigan in the right direction."

Lawmakers will implement the legislation needed for these projects in the next few weeks.